

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Legal Legislative Committee

Regina Gasco-Bentley, Chairperson

Winnay Wemigwase, Secretary

Aaron Otto, Member

Meeting Location: 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49770 Room 312

MINUTES
March 14, 2012

Call to Order: 10:14 a.m.

Committee Member Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Councilor Aaron Otto, Secretary Winnay Wemigwase (absent)

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount, General Counsel Jim Bransky

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice-Chair Julie Shananaquet, Human Services Director Denneen Smith, Child Welfare Commissioners Emily Proctor, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Deb DeLeon

Guests: Councilor Bill Denemy, Councilor John Keshick, Jr.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to adopt the agenda of March 14, 2012 as presented.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Wemigwase)

Secretary Wemigwase at 10:15 am

Minutes

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2012.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

New Business

a) Child Protection Statue, Human Services,

General Counsel Bransky reviewed the latest version of the Child Protection Statute. Discussion and review of Statute. GC Bransky also reviewed suggested changes to the Child Welfare Commission. Committee tabled the Department of Human Services Department Statute.

b) Review of Comments from Public Hearing regarding Education, Cultural and Language Department Statutes.

Discussion held on Gijigowi Bibskaabiimi Department Statute and the statute that separates them into individual departments.

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to recommend to Tribal Council the passage of Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department, Education Department, Department of Repatriation and Archival Records.

Vote: 2-Yes, 1-No (Member Otto), 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

c) Contract Statute

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to recommend to Tribal Council the posting of the draft Contract Statute.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Councilor Otto departed at 4:00pm

d) NRC Amendments

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to recommend to Tribal Council the posting of the draft Amendments to the Natural Resources Commission Statutes.

Vote: 2-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Member Otto)

e) Amend the Special Prosecutor for Vacancies-tabled

f) Legal – Court Case Updates,
No updates.

g) Old Resolution Review-tabled

Public Comment

Time Opened: 4:46 p.m.

Deb DeLeon appreciated the opportunity to comment on the Child Protection Statute as discussed by the Committee.

Time Closed: 4:47 p.m.

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to amend the Committee meeting schedule time from 10:00am-4:00pm to 10:00am-5:00pm.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

Next Meeting: April 11, 2012 in Room 312 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to adjourn meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)